

RESPONSE

In the Office Action mailed March 7, 2006, the Examiner has rejected all of the claims except for claim 6 as being anticipated by Marsh. Claim 6 is alleged to be unpatentable over Marsh in view of Cheslog. For one or more of the following reasons, Applicant submits that all of the rejections are traversed.

Claims 8 and 9 were amended to correct minor typographical errors only.

Claim 1 of the present application has been amended to emphasize the bill audit aspect of the present invention. While the baseline template described in the application has many purposes, the present claims focus on the use of the baseline to identify exceptions in telecommunications bills. The major problems described in the application still persist - - regardless of the telecommunications plan or carrier, mistakes in billing are common and significant in the telecommunications industry.

The Examiner alleges in the Office Action that Marsh discloses virtually the entire claimed invention. Applicant has studied Marsh very carefully. Marsh is a detailed study with respect to a system and method for optimizing the selection of wireless communication service plans. Marsh describes how various alternative plans may be compared to each other. However, Applicant has been unable to find any suggestion or teaching anywhere in Marsh that all or any part of the Marsh system is used to audit telecommunications bills.

The present invention assumes a particular telecommunication carrier plan is in use. The invention relates to auditing the actual bills that are

telecommunication carrier plan. The significant benefit of the present invention is the oversight of the bills that are sent to a particular user of a plan. The claimed invention does not relate to whether one plan is better than another. The present invention is merely directed to policing the actual use of the plan that is in place. It does not matter whether the plan that is in place is the most economical plan or not - - it may or may not be a "best" plan. It only matters that the plan in place is fairly billed according to the terms of that plan. According to the claimed method, exceptions in the bill are identified, and if necessary, billing credit is requested from the carrier in the amount of the identified exceptions.

In summary, Marsh discloses a system and method for optimizing the selection of a wireless plan. It has nothing to do with the actual audit or policing of a plan to make sure that it is being properly applied to the services being used. The present invention is an audit tool and not a selection tool.

For any one or more of the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the rejections are traversed. Favorable action is requested hereon.

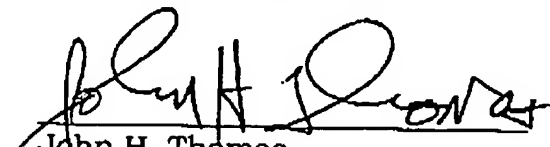
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